

# Recent Happenings:

## March 2016

## PERU SERVICE LEARNING TRIP



Dr. Bellanger fraternizing with the locals – LLAMA LLOVE!

Dr. Renee Bellanger, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, joined faculty and students from across the UIW campus in an international service learning trip to Peru from December 7-17, 2015. This was the first jointly-administered venture of Women's Global Connection and the UIW Ettling Center for Civic Leadership.

Faculty and students from Nutrition, Business, Pharmacy and Optometry provided optometric, nutrition and hospice services while at the Incarnate Word clinic in Chimbote, an impoverished fishing town of about 300,000, and at a Catholic parish in Cambia Puente. A total of 408 persons of a wide variety of ages received vision services during four clinic days. Prescription and reading glasses were dispensed

as determined by the optometrists. Many of these patients also received height, weight, blood pressure and blood glucose screenings, and wellness counseling.

A possible new research and evaluation project is in the works with UIW Nutrition faculty and students, which could help improve the treatment and prevention of malnutrition within the poorest zones around Chimbote. Electricity and running water are non-existent in these regions.

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Besides providing healthcare services, there were also times to enjoy the people and the culture of Peru, in an area where the CCVI sisters have had a presence for over 50 years. The group was given a presentation on the history and culture of Peru, as well as visiting cathedrals, an inpatient hospice center, and local restaurants. Small groups

> were able to journey to the coast with the hosts from the hotel in Chimbote.



the UIW mission to the under-served population in these Peruvian communities. She participated in discussions about future collaborations in which Pharmacy students might

Dr. Bellanger tours a local clinic pharmacy in Chimbote.

participate. As a result, Dr. Bellanger will be returning with four FSOP students for an APPE rotation this December. Each student will receive partial financial support from the Dean to help cover their travel expenses.

## DEAN RECEIVES SERVICE RECOGNITION

Dr. Arcelia Johnson-Fannin, Founding Dean of the Feik School of Pharmacy, and Dr. Kathi Light, UIW Provost, were honored for nine years of service on the CHRISTUS Health Quality and Patient Safety Committee. On December 9th, they were each presented with framed Resolution of Appreciation certificates from the CHRISTUS Health Board of Directors. The resolutions were signed by Dr. George W. Bo-Linn, Chair of the Quality and Patient Safety Committee, and Mr. Ernie W. Sadau, CHRISTUS CEO. HRISTUS

In part, Dr. Johnson-Fannin's resolution reads: "She demonstrated a deep understanding of the invaluable role that pharmacists play in delivery of high-quality and safe patient care, as supported by her many years of



experience in the development of pharmacy education in various settings across the U.S. In particular, she has been instrumental in highlighting the need for collaboration among all members of the care delivery team in order to ensure safe patient care, especially within the administration of pharmaceuticals. Her enthusiasm for the pursuit of excellence has never wavered, and her messages have been made even more powerful due to her willingness to share personal experiences to assist the Committee in understanding the impact from the patient's perspective... The Board of Directors expresses its sincere gratitude, and honors Dr. Arcelia Johnson-Fannin for her dedicated and committed service to CHRISTUS Health, and to extending the healing ministry of Jesus Christ."



#### FSOP REAFFIRMATION OF ACCREDITATION FOR 8 YEARS!

At its January Board of Directors meeting, the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education approved 'continued accreditation' for the Feik School of Pharmacy for the maximum allowable term of eight more years, extending the school's accreditation through the 2023-2024 academic year.

With widespread engagement from faculty, administrators, staff, students, alumni and the community, Dr. Lila LaGrange, Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, was responsible for leading the charge to achieve this notable milestone. The FSOP and the University offer heartfelt thanks, respect and appreciation to Dr. LaGrange for her tireless efforts during the two years devoted to this effort!



Dr. Lila LaGrange

## FSOP HOSTED 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL IPE WORKSHOP

On February 13<sup>th</sup>, 73 students from the Feik School of Pharmacy and School of Physical Therapy came together in the pharmacy building for the 2nd annual Interprofessional Education (IPE) Workshop series. This 6-hour workshop, in addition to a precursory 9-hour online module, introduced health professions students to the four core domains of IPE: 1) values/ethics for interprofessional practice, 2) roles/responsibilities, 3) interprofessional communication, and 4) teams and teamwork. Students were randomly divided into interprofessional teams and engaged in team-building activities, ethics discussions, and complex patient cases.

Interprofessional education (IPE), "when students from two or more professions learn about, from and with each other to enable effective collaboration and improve health outcomes" (WHO 2010), has been an on-going initiative across the university in order to better prepare health professions students to be an effective member of the healthcare team upon graduation.

A special thanks to the following interprofessional group of faculty (listed in alphabetical order) who played an important role in workshop planning, implementation, and/or facilitation: Dr. Barbara Aranda-Naranjo, Associate Provost; Amy F. Crocker, PT, DPT, OCS; Tina M. Lopez, PharmD, MSc; and Cynthia N. Nguyen, PharmD.



The next IPE Workshop will be held on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at the pharmacy building. The faculty team is planning for future IPE projects as well, and hopes to expand on the health professions involved.





## SCHOOL PERSONNEL FEATURED IN NATIONAL AD

Dr. David Maize, Associate Professor of Academic Affairs and Ms. Alejandra Zertuche, Senior Analyst of Academic Assessment, were photographed while attending an ExamSoft Users Conference last May in Lexington, Kentucky. The photo is currently being used in a national ExamSoft advertisement.





### CHANGING OF THE GUARD IN STUDENT AFFAIRS

In anticipation of Dr. Kevin Lord leaving FSOP to join the School of Osteopathic Medicine in December, a national search was conducted to fill his position of Assistant Dean of Student Affairs. Dr. Amy Diepenbrock was chosen to assume that role and was welcomed to the Feik School of Pharmacy on January 11, 2016.



Dr. Amy Diepenbrock

Dr. Diepenbrock formerly served as the Director of the Civic Engagement and Career Development Center for St. Mary's University here in San Antonio. She has over 15 years of professional experience in student affairs. Dr. Diepenbrock brings a variety of unique abilities and skills to her position. She has a strong foundation in counseling and advising students, as well as expertise in assisting students and alumni with career development and decision-making. Over the span of her career she has developed a strong network of faculty and career advisor contacts across the region, which will expand FSOP's recruitment activities. She is also experienced in working with student organizations, including using systems similar to OrgSync.

Dr. Diepenbrock earned her Ph.D. in Counseling and Student Personnel Services, with a concentration in Student Affairs Administration, from the University of Georgia in May 2005. She earned her Master of Science in Counselor Education and Student Development in Higher Education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in May 2000. Her BA in Psychology was earned from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC in May 1997.

The students, faculty, administrators and staff at the Feik School of Pharmacy extend a very warm welcome to Dr. Amy Diepenbrock.



## Dean's Corner:

Dear FSOP Alumni,

At a recent event the person bringing reflections asked the audience to think about the quality of life they are able to live. The speaker reminded us what a privilege we have to live here in America where we can freely 'vote our voice.'

Dr. Arcelia Johnson-Fannin

And yet, so many of us do not participate and exercise that right. I use this venue to encourage you to use your voice and vote! Vote in the primaries and certainly in the election!

I take this a step further and invite you to exercise the privilege associated with being an alumnus of the Feik School of Pharmacy. Use the privilege by staying connected, working with us, supporting our activities, raising the flag for pharmacy, recruiting excellent candidates, funding scholarships, and helping us continue to move forward and upward.

It would be our pleasure to greet you at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Fiesta River Parade alumni reception on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-10:30 p.m., where we will still be celebrating the fantastic outcome of the recent accreditation site visit --- the maximum 8 years!

You are our legacy: the FSOP is still your home and your foundation. Let's keep it strong for all the eager students vet to come!!

My best to you in all things good.

Dr. J

reetings!

Dear FSOP Alumni Network,

Two months of this year is already behind us and now we have Fiesta and Graduation just around the corner. I would like to thank Dr. J and Dr. Maize for supporting our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Alumni Fiesta event. Monday, April 18th is the night of the Texas Cavaliers River Parade, and we have reserved the Cielo Vista Room at the Rio Plaza on the 2nd floor for an alumni mixer. This will be a private venue for which tickets will be sold. The price for the event will be \$25 each or \$40 per couple. Children will have a fee of \$7 for ages 3-16. There will be food, a cash bar, and a great view of the Texas Cavaliers River Parade. A great time was had last year and I look forward to seeing this event grow in attendance every year. Call up a classmate and meet up at the event. Save the date and we hope to see you soon!

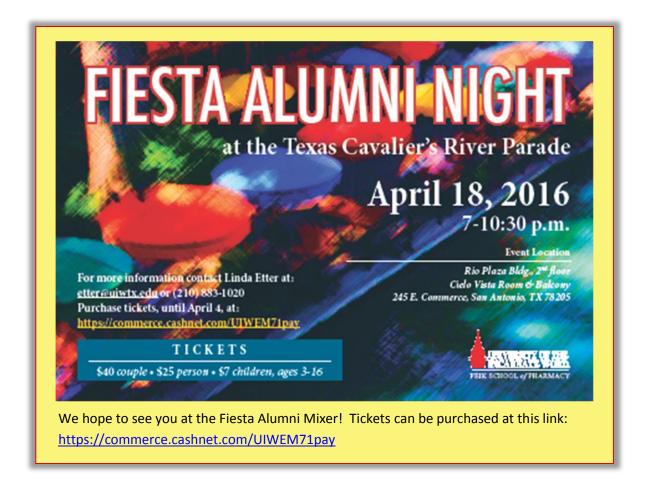
For your information I now am serving on the Board of Directors for the Texas Pharmacy Association. If anyone has any information needing to be addressed concerning OUR profession, please feel free to reach out. We also have 3 alumni and a student of UIW FSOP on the TPA PharmPAC: these include Dr. Gilbert Sarmiento (2012), Dr. Staci Kurmel (2010), Mr. Chad Batey (2016), and myself. Our new President for Bexar County Pharmacy Association is

Dr. Amyn Madhani (2012). Dr. Chris Mowen (2014), Dr. Hector Collazo (2014), and Dr. Staci Kurmel (2010) also serve as BCPA officers.

Have a wonderful Easter holiday and Viva FIESTA!

Thank you,

Dr. Chris Alvarado FSOP Alumni Network Chair



#### PRECEPTOR OF THE QUARTER

Dear fellow Alumni,

I recently read a touching story by Loren C. Eiseley on the difference one person can make in the lives of those around them. The story depicts a small girl who is seen putting starfish back into the ocean one by one from those that have

washed up after a summer storm. Passersby discourage her, warning that she cannot save them all. But, she quickly reminds them that it will impact those saved, and the future generations. Sometimes we forget the far-reaching effects of a simple act of support/kindness. The story of the little girl's compassion brings to mind our alumni preceptor of distinction for the quarter, Dr. Donna Marroquin. Donna is quick to show her kindness to both the patients she cares for and the students she precepts at her H-E-B pharmacy in Pleasanton, TX. She is a preceptor and pharmacist worthy of recognition.

In her role as pharmacist at H-E-B, Donna enjoys interacting with and providing her support to the local residents from Jourdanton, Poteet, and Charlotte. One of the most rewarding aspects of the job for her is serving her community through immunization



clinics hosted for the major schools and corporations nearby. She has been with H-E-B for over 15 years, and is passionate about her job. Her dedication to pharmacy spills over to the FSOP students on her community rotation.

Because of her own personal experience, Dr. Marroquin knows the impact a preceptor can have. Each pharmacist preceptor provided her with wisdom to prepare her for the rigors of pharmacy practice. She learned to be systematic in verifying her prescriptions, to start over entirely if interruptions occurred and never to fill a prescription without a clarification of patient medication allergies.

Above all, she learned the essentials of organization and time management as a pharmacist. Each patient is precious, and deserves the care provided by a pharmacist who sees them as more than just a prescription waiting to be filled. Dr. Marroquin is that pharmacist, and is training future pharmacists to provide compassionate pharmacy care.

We are thrilled to have Dr. Marroquin as a preceptor of excellence for UIW. We welcome all alumni to join Dr. Marroquin in helping to support the future generation of pharmacists. The process is very straightforward, so please

contact me by email (<u>nfarrel1@uiwtx.edu</u>) and I will be happy to assist you in any way. I look forward to hearing from you and sharing your story with fellow alumni.







#### Dr. Russell Attridge

- Published Building cultural sensitivity and interprofessional collaboration through a study abroad experience in the Journal of Nursing Education, January 2016. Co-authors: Gilliland I, Attridge RT, Attridge RL, Maize DF, McNeill J.
- Presented a case report Staphylococcus aureus bacteriuria as an indicator for non-urinary infections at the 2015
   American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Midyear Clinical Meeting, New Orleans, LA,
   December 2015. Co-authors: Robinson EE, Attridge RT, Trammell Velasquez S.

#### Dr. Renee Bellanger

- Volunteered in Chimbote and Cambia Puente, Peru at Rosenberg School of Optometry clinics, sponsored by the
   Ettling Center for Civic Leadership and Women's Global Connection, December 7 − 17.
- Attended and served as research poster judge for the American Society of Parenteral and Enteral NutritionWeek meeting, Austin, TX, January 16-19.
- Presented pharmacy career options to STEM Academy high school girls, UIW, San Antonio, TX, November 9.
- Reviewed continuing education article on medical marijuana for U.S. Pharmacist, November 30.

#### Dr. Mathew Garber

- Attended the Institute for Safe Medication Practices Medication Safety Intensive meeting, New Orleans, LA,
   December 4-5.
- Participated in collecting food for the Harvest for Humanity food drive sponsored by the San Antonio Food Bank,
   San Antonio, TX, November 22.
- Volunteered for the Olmos Park Cleanup event sponsored by the San Antonio Parks Department, San Antonio, TX, November 28.
- Volunteered for the San Antonio River Authority tree planting event along the new Mission Reach section of the San Antonio River, San Antonio, TX, January 23.

#### Dr. Bethany Kalich

 Published From Pilot to Practice: A Trainee-Integrated Pharmacy Practice Model in Cardiology in the North Carolina Medical Journal, 2016 Jan-Feb;77(1):45-51. Co-authors: Kalich BA, Cicci JD, Shah S, Reed BN.

#### Dr. Lila LaGrange

- Volunteer judge for the Alamo Junior Academy of Science science fair, San Antonio, TX, January 30.

#### Dr. Kathleen Lusk

- Published Aspirin Use for the Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease in the Elderly in The Consultant Pharmacist, January 15; 31(1):24-32. Co-authors: Sarbacker GB, Lusk KA, Flieller LA, Van Liew J.
- Published *The Pharmacological Management of Motion Sickness* in U.S. Pharmacist, December 2015;40(12):34-38. Co-authors: Sanchez CK, Lusk KA.
- Published A 92 Year Old Man with an ESBL Infection in the UIW Pharmacy Review, December 2015;3(2). Co-authors: Oh YM, Lusk KA.

#### Dr. David Maize

- Reviewed an article for the American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education, November 1.

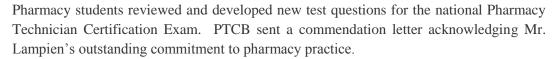
#### Mrs. Christina Seeger

 Member of the AACP 2016 Annual Meeting Programming Committee, and attended a committee planning meeting in Anaheim, CA, January 29.

## Student News:

## PHARMACY STUDENT SERVICE RECOGNITION

Mr. Ryan Lampien, 3<sup>rd</sup> year student at the Feik School of Pharmacy, received special recognition from the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board. Mr. Lampien was invited to participate in PTCB's Fall 2015 Remote Item Writing Workshop, along with 12 other students from Pharmacy schools across the nation. Candidates were chosen for their outstanding writing skills.





#### STUDENT CHOSEN TO ATTEND IMMUNIZATION SUMMIT



Mr. Simplicio Aldover, P3 student, has been chosen to attend the Shot@Life Immunization Summit in Washington, D.C. from February 29th through March 2nd. He has been awarded a travel scholarship to attend the program. The purpose of the summit is to refine the skills needed for students to be effective advocates within their communities. Attendees will learn to make their voices heard among policymakers to protect children worldwide by providing life-saving vaccines where they are needed most. Shot@Life is partnered with the World Health Organization, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Red Cross, and UNICEF.

## **APHA-ASP FALL SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

APhA-ASP members were busy participating in a number of service activities in the fall semester. The Operation Immunizations Committee exceeded their goal, administering 1,416 flu vaccinations. Flu shots were given in the San Antonio area between August and November, in partnership with Walgreens, CVS and H-E-B. The International Committee hosted the first Great FSOP Smokeout to encourage students to kick the smoking habit or pledge to keep their non-smoker status.

Operation Diabetes assisted in two health fairs, providing glucose screenings and diabetic foot exams to about 70 low-income patients with diabetes. Generation Rx partnered with SAMMinistiries at the Transitional Living and Learning Center in San Antonio, to inform about 15 teen residents about prescription and OTC drug abuse.

Congratulations to Member of the Semester winners Ms. Jackie Hobbs (P1), Ms. Irene Vargas (P2), and Ms. Lindsey Nichelson (P3). These members were recognized for their level of involvement in meetings, health fairs and fundraising activities. Good luck to Ms. Sarah Bittner (P2), who will be the UIW Patient Counseling Competitor at the APhA Annual Meeting, *Expanding Opportunities Through Patient Care*, in Baltimore, Maryland March 4-7.

## WHITE COAT 5K BENEFITS AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION



The 2nd Annual White Coat 5K was a success! 61 participants joined us on February 20<sup>th</sup> for a walk/run through the UIW main campus. It was a windy, dreary day but that didn't stop our dedicated students, faculty, staff, and pets from having a hearthealthy morning. Mr. Brian Palmeri, FSOP Technologist, was

there to DJ, and participants were kept energized with volunteers stationed throughout the route cheering them on.

Students from APhA and NCPA worked together to plan this

event, with all proceeds benefiting the American Heart Association. Plans for next year's event are even bigger and better, so plan to join us then as we continue to promote happy hearts from right here in San Antonio, deep in the heart of Texas. Alumni and families are always welcome!





#### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UPDATE**

On November 6, 2015, CPFI hosted an Operation Christmas Child packing party that was opened up to all of FSOP students, faculty and staff, as well as pre-pharmacy students from UIW. Gift shoe boxes were packed with school supplies, toys and hygiene items and sent to underprivileged children in countries all over the world. Operation Christmas Child is sponsored by the Samaritan's Purse

organization. CPFI's 236 gift boxes went to children in Ecuador. Nationwide, around 300,000 shoe boxes were sent to children across the globe.

## **RHO CHI AWARD NOMINATION**



The Delta Eta Chapter of Rho Chi has been selected as a finalist for the Most Improved Chapter Award, which will be awarded at the Rho Chi Society 2016 Annual Meeting on March 4-7 in Baltimore, MD. The Most Improved Chapter Award recognizes chapters who have made a notable effort to increase their activities and projects. On November 19<sup>th</sup>, chapter members participated in a community service event at Sutton Oaks Community Center. Members conducted a Thanksgiving project with 20 honor students from that community, ranging in age from 5-10 years old.

## RHO CHI NEW MEMBER INITIATION RITUAL

The FSOP Delta Eta Chapter of the Rho Chi Society held its spring new member initiation ritual on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. The ceremony was held in the Sky Room on the top floor of the McCombs Center on the main UIW campus. The Rho Chi Society encourages and recognizes excellence in intellectual achievement and advocates critical inquiry in all aspects of

pharmacy.

The guest speaker was Dr. Andrea Luce, Assistant Profes-

sor of Pharmacy Practice from Texas A&M Rangel College of Pharmacy in Houston. Dr. Jason Cota, the chapter's faculty advisor, emceed the ritual. Nineteen new members were initiated into Rho Chi, and new

coming year. Family members, friends and faculty were in attendance to watch the initiation ceremony, which was followed by a reception.

officers were installed for the

Dr. Cota with new officers (L-R): Cintia Rodriguez, History; Lexi Wilson, Treasurer; Anthony Willet, Secretary; Kimberly Hampton, Vice President and Caroline Connor, President.





### APHA SPRING HEALTH FAIR

The American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) chapter here at the FSOP hosted its annual Spring Health Fair on February 6<sup>th</sup>. The chapter hosts the health fairs at Ingram Park Mall, where many underprivileged members of the community are served.

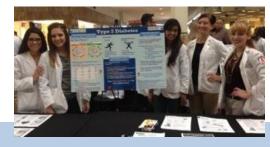


Over 40 students volunteered, along with multiple preceptors from the school and alumni. Blood pressure and blood glucose screenings were provided for about 70 patients. Along with health screenings, the organizations partnered with Walmart who sponsored free flu vaccines to the public.

The FSOP chapter has specialized committees such as Operation Diabetes, Operation Heart and Operation Immunization. Students from these committees were able to speak with attendees to provide education

concerning diabetes, vaccinations and heart disease. The Policy Committee reached out to the community to advocate

for the profession by explaining how key a pharmacist is to a health care team. Two committees are focused on educating children. Generation Rx reaches out to middle school and high school-age students to discuss the truth about abusing prescription medications and raise awareness of the problem. OTC Medicine Safety is a new APhA committee that teaches children how to read over-the-counter (OTC) medication bottles and how to properly take medications.



### PHI LAMBDA SIGMA INDUCTION CEREMONY

Twelve students from the Feik School of Pharmacy were inducted into the Gamma Xi Chapter of the Phi Lambda Sigma Pharmacy Leadership Society on February 7<sup>th</sup>. The ceremony was held in the Rosenberg Skyroom in the



PLS Inductees (L-R) Front row: Kimberly Hampton, Elizabeth Haake, Riley Frausto, Devin Eddings, Kayla DeBord, and Sarah Bittner. Back row: Elizabeth Yett, Genene Wilson, Jennifer Vu, Stephanie Van Boskerck, Lauren Sokol, and Mayank Patel.

Nguyen, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, are faculty advisors for PLS.

Chapter president Maridza Molina led the ceremony. Dr. Arcelia Johnson-Fannin, FSOP Dean, welcomed all in attendance, and Major Justin Lusk provided the opening remarks. Major Lusk is currently stationed at Joint Base San Antonio, where he is the Air Force

McCombs Center on the UIW campus. The

mission of PLS is to foster and recognize pharmacy student, practitioner and faculty leaders. Inducted members were selected for their demonstration of leadership and commitment to excellence in the pharmacy profession. Dr. Cheryl Horlen, Assistant Dean of Pharmacy Practice, and Dr. Cynthia







Major Lusk



Pharmacy Technology and Informatics Chief.

#### UIW INSTALLS NEW BUILDING SIGNAGE CAMPUS-WIDE

Attractive eye-catching new building signage has been installed all over the UIW campus. Here is our beautiful new sign in front of the building on Hildebrand Avenue. There are early signs of spring all around us here today. Are you still in the grips of winter where you are? Tell us about it on the *UIW Feik School of Pharmacy Alumni* Facebook page.





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#### FEIK SCHOOL OF PHARMACY CPE CLASSES

**Immunization Update** (3 CE hours)

**April 26, 2016** 

Dinner included: 5:15-6 p.m. • CE Presentation: 6-9 p.m. FSOP Alumni/Preceptors: \$80 • all other Pharmacists: \$90

Texas Law Update (1 CE hour)

**June 14, 2016** 

Snack & refreshments provided • CE Presentation: 6-7 p.m. FSOP Alumni/Preceptors/Technicians: \$25 • all other Pharmacists: \$30

All programs have a 15 person minimum and 100 person maximum. For more information, contact Linda Etter at etter@uiwtx.edu or 210-883-1020.

The University of the Incarnate Word provides reasonable accommodation with adequate notice. To request disability accommodation for this event, visit www.uiw.edu/ada

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The FSOP is offering two continuing pharmacy education topics this spring and summer. The courses are designed to meet your CPE requirements for licensure renewal. As alumni, you receive a discounted rate for registration.

Please click on following link to register for either of these presentations:

https://commerce.cashnet.com/UIWEM75pay

## Staying Connected:

If you know a fellow graduate that may not have received this newsletter, please share it with them! Also, please ask them to share their email address with us (<a href="mailto:etter@uiwtx.edu">etter@uiwtx.edu</a>), so that we can include them in future newsletter and alumni activities announcements.

We also invite you to visit the UIW Alumni Association webpage, where you can view a list of upcoming campus events and news items, read about how to get involved, and sign up for the "Cardinal's Nest" community, at <a href="https://www.uiwalumni.org">www.uiwalumni.org</a>.





